

September 6, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking your input concerning the construction of a levee/border wall system in the United States Border Patrol (USBP) Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector. Based on the feedback CBP received as a part of its earlier outreach, CBP is extending the due date for comments to November 6, 2018.

CBP proposes to: (1) design and construct approximately 25 miles of levee/border wall system in Hidalgo County, Texas within the USBP's McAllen and Weslaco Stations' area of responsibility (AOR); and (2) design and construct approximately eight (8) miles of border wall system in Starr County, Texas within the USBP's Rio Grande City (RGC) Station AOR. The border wall system project in the RGC Station AOR may include an additional four (4) miles. The McAllen, Weslaco, and Rio Grande City Stations are all located within the USBP's RGV Sector. More information about the projects is included in an attachment to this letter.

CBP is seeking input on potential impacts to the environment, culture, and commerce, including potential socioeconomic impacts, and quality of life. CBP will be conducting environmental site surveys and assessments and is also gathering data and input from state and local government agencies, federal agencies, Native American tribes, and landowners that may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the construction projects. As the projects progress, there will be additional opportunities for public comment. CBP will prepare environmental planning documents to evaluate potential environmental impacts and make those documents available for public review.

How to Provide Comments

Comments and information will be accepted until November 6, 2018. Comments should include data or information that could help inform CBP's analysis of potential impacts. Helpful comments are fact-based, include links to data or research, and provide specific information concerning potential impacts to biological, cultural, and natural resources. If known, your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements that CBP should consider during project siting, construction, and operation.

Comments, questions, or concerns can be emailed to CBP at commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include "FY18 RGV Border Construction Projects" in the title of your email. Comments received in response to this letter, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record. If you are providing a comment about a specific segment, please specify that in your comment (Weslaco Station AOR, McAllen Station AOR, or Rio Grande City AOR).

You may also use the above e-mail address to request project notifications. Further information and Spanish-language materials are available at the following web site:

www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-cultural-stewardship/nepa-documents/docs-review

You may also submit comments, questions, or concerns to the following address:

U.S. Customs and Border ProtectionU.S. Border Patrol Headquarters1300 Pennsylvania Ave. 6.5E Mail Stop 1039Washington, DC 20229-1100

We appreciate your feedback and help with evaluating the environmental impacts of these projects.

Sincerely,

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